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***NEW JERSEY'S PEACH CROP DOWN THIRTEEN PERCENT***

The New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service in Trenton recently surveyed New Jersey peach farmers as part of a national survey to determine the expected 2002 peach crop based on conditions as of July 1, 2002. The 2002 Garden State peach crop is estimated at 65 million pounds, down ten million from the previous year. The record high total production for the state was 137 million pounds set in 1960.

The July 2002 forecast of United States peach production is 2.55 billion pounds, up four percent from 2001, but two percent below two years ago. Ten states forecasted an increase in production from last year, while seventeen of the states expect declines, and two of the states remain unchanged.

***Peaches, Total Production by State, 2000-2001 and Forcasted July 1, 2002***

| Crop              | Total Production          |             |                |             |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
|                   | 2000                      | 2001        | 2002           | %<br>Change |
| State             | <i>- Million Pounds -</i> |             |                |             |
| California        | 1,855.0                   | 1,727.0     | <b>1,880.0</b> | 9           |
| South Carolina    | 150.0                     | 100.0       | <b>160.0</b>   | 60          |
| Georgia           | 115.0                     | 140.0       | <b>115.0</b>   | -18         |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>65.0</b>               | <b>75.0</b> | <b>65.0</b>    | <b>-13</b>  |
| Pennsylvania      | 60.0                      | 75.0        | <b>60.0</b>    | -20         |
| Washington        | 65.0                      | 55.0        | <b>50.0</b>    | -9          |
| Alabama           | 14.0                      | 23.0        | <b>21.0</b>    | -9          |
| North Carolina    | 32.0                      | 12.0        | <b>20.0</b>    | 67          |
| Illinois          | 23.0                      | 17.8        | <b>17.5</b>    | -2          |
| Colorado          | 19.0                      | 18.0        | <b>17.0</b>    | -6          |
| United States     | 2,599.9                   | 2,441.4     | <b>2,547.7</b> | 4           |

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